Doubutsu no Oishasan

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動物(どうぶつ)のお医者(いしゃ)さん

IT'S ALREADY LATE MARCH, WHY IS THERE STILL SO MUCH SNOW?
BE-CAUSE WE'RE IN THE MOUN-TAINS!
WE JUST NEED TO WALK A LITTLE MORE TO REACH THE BEARS
ACK!
SI NK
Fwwp
NIKAI-DOU, GET UP.
I'm taking a break
OR WE WON'T MAKE IT BEFORE THE ZOO OPENS
YOU'RE GOING TO BE A SOURCE OF AN ENTER-TAIN-MENT!
Wah— the worker fell—
How Lucky!

This is M-Yama Zoo.
Hamuteru and Mikaidou were sent here to work as interns over their spring vacation.
OFFICE
WORK ROSTER
In the morning, they are to follow Mukoda-sensei to do cleaning and feeding work.
TODAY, IT'S PEACOCKS, OSTRICHES, AND HIPPO-POTAMUSES
I only just saw it!
IF YOU ALREADY KNEW, THEN WHY DID YOU ASK ME?
AH, THIS PERSON HERE ISN'T ON LEAVE, WHY DOESN'T HE HAVE AN ASSIGNMENT?
NO, IT'S MORE LIKE PEOPLE ON LEAVE SEE HERE?
SAGI
Break by
Bi rather
Do Leave
WHY ARE THESE NAME TAGS RED?
PROBABLY THE SUPER-VISORS OR UPPER MANAGE-MENT

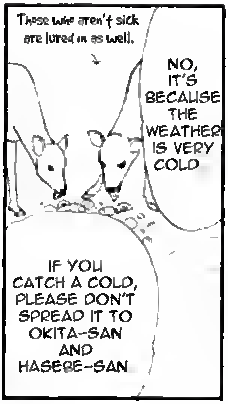
How cunning! He's sly!
Ah, it's true!
THAT'S ME!
THE COLD VIRUS IS SPREADING LATELY, PLEASE BE CAREFUL!
They should have labeled that he's the Zoo Director!
For every internship,
the two students are forced to realize that they have no other strength but youth and health...
but the peacocks, which are in breeding season, just kick them without any regard.
The ostriches treat them as potential partners with a mating dance.
The hippopotamuses roar at them for not feeding them soon enough.

I'VE ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF SO MANY DIFFERENT ANIMALS BUT THERE'S NOT ONE I CAN CLICK WITH
NI SHI NE
CUDDLE
WHAT DO YOU THINK? I'M AMAZING, AREN'T I?
Peacocks display their tail feathers during courtship (Some say they also display them when it's windy).
Mukoda-Sensei, the vet
It is during this period, that they have to take care of the peacocks.
JUST FITTING
NOW THAT YOU MENTIONED IT, WE HAVEN'T MET ANY HIGHER PRIMATES*...
HOW ABOUT THE MONKEYS?
WE'VE ONLY HELPED TO CLEAN THEIR CAGES ONCE, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO BOND WITH THEM OVER THAT
YOU KNOW, THE PEACOCKS' BEHAVIOR REMINDED ME OF HIYO-CHAN'S, BUT WE COULDN'T TELL AT ALL WHEN THEY WERE GOING TO ATTACK.
Hiyo-chan

*Higher primates = orangutans, gorillas gibbons chimpanzees etc

YOU GUYS AREN'T FIT YET TO TAKE CARE OF THE HIGHER PRIMATES THEY ARE DIFFICULT TO HANDLE AND THEY USUALLY CHOOSE THEIR CARETAKERS THEMSELVES.
SO THEIR CARETAKERS ARE—
THE CHOSEN ONES!
The person in charge of the gorillas and orangutans, Okita-san
THAT'S RIGHT!
The person in charge of the chimpanzees, Hasebe-san
I really want to feed bananas to the chimpanzees.
Just once.
This only makes Nikaidou want to try more.
THAT'S AMAZING!

They have to lure the deer in with food and then spray the medication onto its eyes using a water jet.
Hamuteru and Nikaidou's job is not just cleaning and feeding. Sometimes they have to assist in veterinary matters.
Today's patient is a spotted deer that suffers from a cornea inflammation.
Eye medication
water jet
HONK
SNIFF SNIFF
Therefore, it's a tough job.
IRRITATED
Every time they fail, the deer moves further away.
SPRAY
But they can't seem to hit the target.

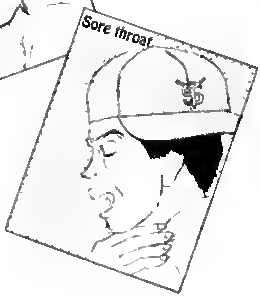

These mice aren't sick are lured in as well.
NO, IT'S BECAUSE THE WEATHER IS VERY COLD
IF YOU CATCH A COLD, PLEASE DON'T SPREAD IT TO OKITA-SAN AND HASEBE-SAN

And the common cold is the most common one.

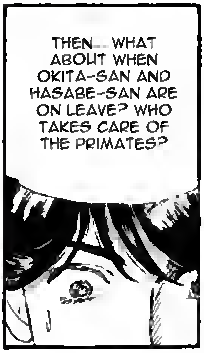
So many diseases can be easily transmitted to them.

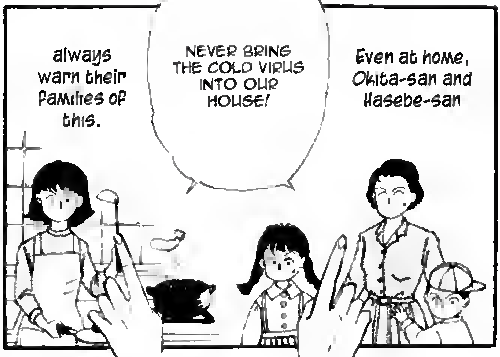
Of all the animals, the primates are the most similar to humans.

If Okita-san and Hasabe-san catch a cold,



the chimpanzees, orangutans, gorillas, etc. might also get infected.





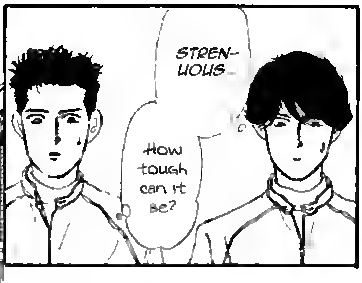
But not long after, the cold virus had invaded the zoo.

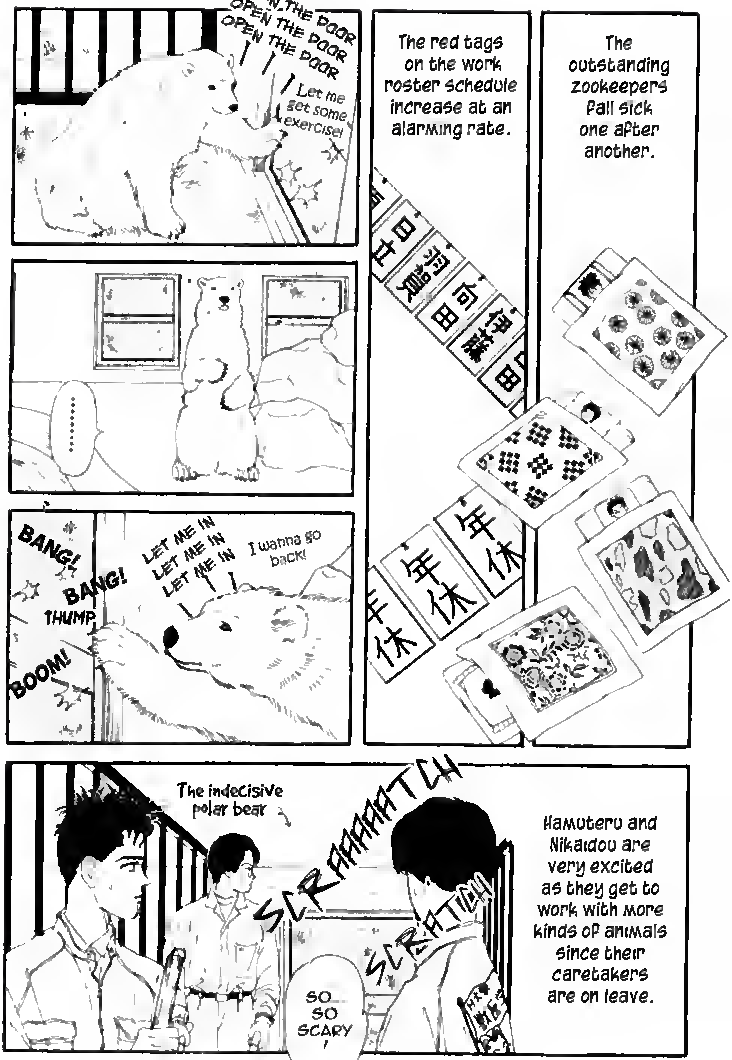
Achoo

Achoo

But the second choice will never measure up to the first choice (Okita-san and Hasabe-san).

And if they need to find a third person to cover, the job becomes strenuous.




OPEN THE DOOR
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Let me get some exercise!
The red tags on the work roster schedule increase at an alarming rate.
The outstanding zookeepers fall sick one after another.
BANG!
BANG!
THUMP
BOOM!
LET ME IN
LET ME IN
LET ME IN
I wanna go back!
年休
The indecisive polar bear
SO SO SCARY
Hamuteru and Nikaidou are very excited as they get to work with more kinds of animals since their caretakers are on leave.

And so...
Okiba-san and Hasebe-san are not spared by the cold virus either.
WE'VE CAUGHT IT. PLEASE FIND SOMEONE ELSE TO COVER FOR US SO THAT WE DON'T INFECT THE ANIMALS.
THE SECOND AND THIRD CHOICES ARE ALREADY ON LEAVE
BUT WHO WILL THAT BE?
I'LL DO IT!
DIRECTOR!
ALONG WITH THOSE TWO YOUNG MEN OVER THERE—

The director who has not done any hands-on zookeeper work for decades and the two young interns.

There is no worse team than this.

YOU MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE REALLY GOOD CARE OF THEM, BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS NOT TO LET THEM CATCH THE COLD.

JUST DO YOUR BEST!

IS IT REALLY OKAY?

SEEMS THAT WE'RE THE ONLY HEALTHY ONES.

But Hamuteru and Nikaidou are looking forward to it.

類人猿館

HIGHER PRIMATES ENCLOSURE

CREAK

No entry for unauthorized personnel

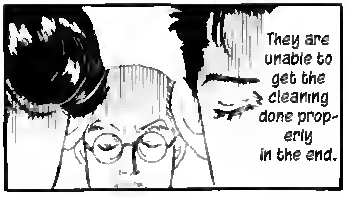
The secret will be out now.

What are the difficulties in handling them?

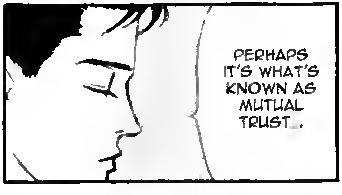
SPIT
SPIT
SPIT
SPIT
SPIT
EVERY-ONE, MEAL TIME—
DIRECTOR-SAN, THE CHIMPS ARE SPIT-TING.
WELL, I'M NOT SURE IF THEY'RE AFRAID OR ANGRY, BUT THIS IS HOW THEY REBEL TOWARD THOSE THEY'RE UN-FAMILIAR WITH
AFTER THEY SPIT, IT TAKES THEM A WHILE TO GATHER ENOUGH SALIVA LET'S TAKE THIS CHANCE TO GO IN
It's awful!
Go!!
突撃!!
No way!

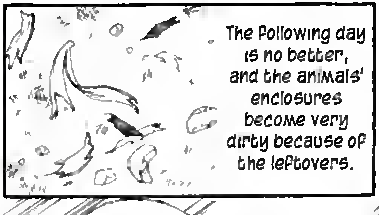
THIS WON'T DO. THE WEAKER ONES WON'T GET THE FOOD IF WE DO IT THIS WAY
When they go back to the chimpanzees,
After realizing this, they added more food.
But this does not solve the root of the problem.
The gorillas and orangutans are no better.
Since the chimpanzees are angry, their food can only be scattered on the ground for them to pick up on their own.
SCATTER
EE EE
AH WAH
When Hasebe-san was here, feeding couldn't be more different than this!
but more work is waiting.
The three feel depressed.
Thump Thump Thump Thump
Time to clean the cages—
the primates need to go to another room

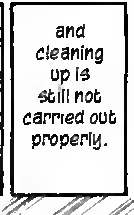
WHEN OKITA-SAN OR HASABE-SAN WAS THERE, THEY WOULD GO TO THEIR ROOMS WITHOUT ANY HASSLE ONCE THE DOOR WAS OPENED,
IT'S REALLY VERY TOUGH!


They are unable to get the cleaning done properly in the end.

Whether it's the gorillas, orangutans or chimpanzees, all of them refuse to go to their rooms.
I don't care


PERHAPS IT'S WHAT'S KNOWN AS MUTUAL TRUST..


The following day is no better, and the animals' enclosures become very dirty because of the leftovers.

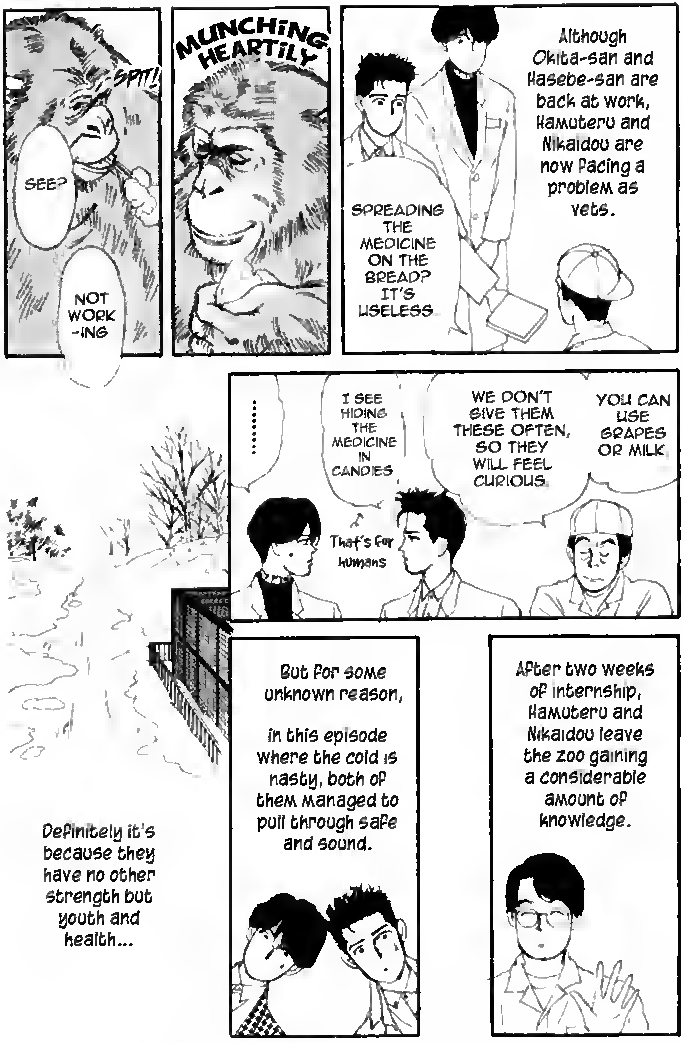

and cleaning up is still not carried out properly.

The next day, feeding is still done by scattering the food on the ground,

This doesn't escape the visitors' notice.
DON'T YOU THINK THAT THEIR FUR LOOKS A BIT DIRTY?
Batsu Club

WATER
WE'LL USE WATER TO SCARE THEM
IF THIS CONTINUES, THEY'LL END UP SICK WITH OTHER DISEASES. WE NEED TO GIVE THEM A THOROUGH CLEANUP TODAY.
NO, IF THEY GET HOLD OF THE STICK, WE'RE DONE FOR.
GO—?
CAN WE USE A LONG STICK OR SOMETHING TO DRIVE THEM INTO THEIR ROOMS?
SPLASH
Although this method seems to be going against their initial objective of preventing the primates from catching a cold,
the power of water is really incredible.

This is great
They use the same method on the gorillas and orangutans.
COMPLETELY SOAKED
and they manage to clean up the enclosures.
The chimpanzees immediately dash into their rooms
Ptap
Ptap
Ptap
Ptap
and spreads the virus to the chimpanzees!
However, the director catches a cold because of this.
Achoo!
Achoo!
Achoo!
Achoo!
In the end, both humans and chimpanzees have suffered in vain...


SPIT!
SEE?
NOT WORK -ING
MUNCHING HEARTILY
SPREADING THE MEDICINE ON THE BREAD? IT'S USELESS
Although Okita-san and Hasebe-san are back at work, Hamuteru and Nikaidou are now facing a problem as vets.
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I SEE HIDING THE MEDICINE IN CANDIES
That's for humans
WE DON'T GIVE THEM THESE OFTEN, SO THEY WILL FEEL CURIOUS
YOU CAN USE GRAPES OR MILK
Definitely it's because they have no other strength but youth and health...
But for some unknown reason,
in this episode where the cold is nasty, both of them managed to pull through safe and sound.
After two weeks of internship, Hamuteru and Nikaidou leave the zoo gaining a considerable amount of knowledge.